

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Summer Youth Drop-In Recreation Program. Drop-In Recreation is a free, fully supervised, city-wide program where Glendale kids can have some cool summer fun. The program features games, special events, swimming, sports, special guests, arts & crafts, awareness programs and field trips. Children who have completed kindergarten through those entering 8th grade in the fall may participate. Registration materials may be picked up in advance from the Glendale Parks & Recreation office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., or parents call fill out the information on the first day their child attends. For more information and a complete list of locations, [click here](#) and scroll down to "Summer Programs" or call (623) 930-2842.

Northern Glendale Sites:

June 2 - July 18 / M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Copperwood Elementary School, 11232 N. 65th Ave.
- Heritage Elementary School, 5312 W. Mountain View Rd.
- Kachina Elementary School, 5304 W. Crocus Dr.
- Marshall Ranch Elementary School, 12995 N. Marshall Ranch Dr.
- Pioneer Elementary School, 6315 W. Port Au Prince Lane



Summer Recreation Classes. Register now for over 170 different summer classes ranging from arts to yoga through the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department.

Classes are offered at locations throughout Glendale and prices vary. For all the classes, dates, times, locations and prices, check out the summer issue of the Glendale Parks & Recreation Quarterly magazine available at Glendale libraries and recreation centers. [Click here](#) to download the magazine or register for classes online. For more information, call (623) 930-4613.



Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The city of Glendale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA.)

This award was given for the city's 2007-08 fiscal year budget document. It represents a significant achievement by the organization, reflecting the commitment of elected officials, city manager and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, the city had to meet nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an organization's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The GFOA is a nonprofit

professional association serving 14,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.

Around Town

Memorial Day. City of Glendale offices and all three Glendale libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. For information on holiday schedule changes in Sanitation services [click here](#).

Summer Reading Programs Return May 27. Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading program schedules at any Glendale library. [Read more](#).

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone. "Backyard Stargazing" will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 2 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Tony and Carole La Conte will show the public what any novice can see from one's own backyard. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment.

Tony La Conte is a "Solar System Ambassador," one of seven Arizonans chosen to organize public educational events about solar system exploration. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

How to Set Your Water Timer. If knowing how to water your plants is a mystery to you, you are not alone. Learn easy-to-follow steps to determine the amount and frequency of water needed for your landscape plants, trees, and grass at "How to Set Your Water Timer," a free class provided by the Glendale Water Conservation Office. Students will get hands-on instruction with "practice" timers. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class will be held in the auditorium. To register for classes, call (623) 930-3760.

Film/Discussion Series Highlights Oscar-winning Movies. Film scholar Jeannie Berg, an instructor at both Glendale and Scottsdale Community Colleges, is back for a third year to lead free viewings and discussions about award-winning films from the 1930s to the present at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The cinema screenings are at 1 p.m., starting June 7 and continuing on consecutive Saturdays through July 26. The first film in the series, on June 7, will be "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939). [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

Free CCC-CPR Class. Learn Continuous Chest Compression CPR on Wednesday, June 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Classes are held once a month at various locations throughout Glendale. To reserve a spot or learn more about CCC-CPR, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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